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December 26, 2007

Honorable John F. Keenan
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Suite 1930
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Maria Altagracia,
07 Cr. 1205 (JFK)

Dear Judge Keenan:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act until the preliminary conference on January 2, 2008, in the above-referenced matter, which was recently assigned to Your Honor. Such an exclusion is warranted because, among other reasons, it will enable the parties to continue plea discussions and the defendant consents to such an exclusion.

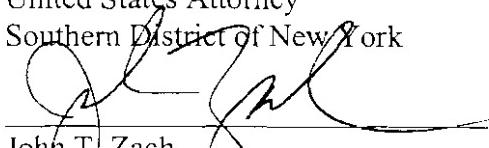
The application is granted.
Time is excluded under the Speedy Trial Act until January 2, 2008.

SO ORDERED.
Dated: New York, N.Y.
December 27, 2007

John T. Keenan By:
U.S.D.J.

Respectfully submitted,

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